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JOINT EMBASSY/DAO FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN BEXP VE

SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT

REF: STATE 222222 (NOTAL)

1. I MUCH APPRECIATE REFTEL AND IN RESPONSE TO FINAL PARAGRAPH THEREOF CAN CATEGORICALLY STATE THAT INAUGURATION OF MAIQUETIA AIRPORT RUNWAY IS REGARDED AS A NATIONAL EVENT WARMLY SUPPORTED BY PRESIDENT CALDERA AND THE ENTIRE CABINET. IN CONSEQUENCE, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS SPEAKS NOT ONLY FOR HIMSELF BUT THE WHOLE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. I HAVE JUST SPOKEN TO THE MINISTER AND HAVE RECEIVED HIS ASSURANCES THAT NOT ONLY WILL JET FUEL FOR THE C5A BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RETURN FLIGHT BUT THAT THIS FUEL WILL BE FURNISHED GRATIS BY VENEZUELA.

3. I HAVE NOT FALTERED IN THE OPINION THAT TO HAVE A VISIT
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OF THE C5A DECEMBER 2 WILL REDOUND SIGNIFICANTLY TO

THE PRESTIGE OF THE UNITED STATES. IF AT THE SAME TIME
COPIES OF F5E, F4 AND COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
SUGGESTED IN OUR PREVIOUS TELEGRAMS COULD LIKEWISE BE
ON HAND IT WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES BOTH
FOR FUTURE DOLLAR SALES AND FOR POSSIBLY BRINGING VENEZUELAN
(AND EVENTUALLY COLOMBIAN) AIR FORCES BACK TO OUR F5
SERIES OF AIRCRAFT.

4. INABILITY OF SERVICES TO FURNISH AN ACROBATIC TEAM IS
NOT OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE; THE C5A IS.
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